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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
**Security Committee**

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20 May 1980

Honorable George L. Hart, Jr.  
Presiding Judge  
United States Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Judge Hart:

The "Security Procedures Established Pursuant to Pub. L. No. 95-511, 92 Stat. 1783, by the Chief Justice of the United States for the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court of Review" state in section 5 that the court's security officer "shall arrange, at a minimum, for an annual security audit of court quarters and facilities and shall submit a report to the court." The "United States Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court Security Regulations", approved by you to supplement the above cited procedures, state in section 4.b that "in reporting annual security audits to the court the security officer shall account for all documents covered by...[the court's records accountability] control system"; in section 3.d that he shall change the combination of court safes "at least once a year"; and in section 1.e that he "shall arrange periodic security briefings for court members and staff...".

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For the annual audit, arrangements are being made for the Federal Bureau of Investigation to conduct a complete technical survey of the secure conference room used for court hearings and of the court chambers. This should take place the last week in May or the first week in June. The security alarm system in court chambers and hearing room was recently checked by the alarm company and found to be in proper order. These checks are conducted routinely every four months.

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25X1 With respect to accounting for court documents, I propose  
25X1 to check the court's "document control cards" against the  
docket book to ensure that we picked up in our system all  
classified documents presented to the court or generated by  
it in response to an application. Upon completion of that  
process, I propose to check court records to determine that  
we do in fact possess those documents the control cards say  
we hold. [ ] concurs that an approach along these  
lines is necessary to thorough accountability. Unless you  
instruct me otherwise, I will assume that these proposals meet  
with your satisfaction. [ ]

25X1 I will change the combinations on court safes and on the  
door to chambers before the end of this month. New combinations  
will be provided to [ ] I will also provide the  
Department of Justice security officer the combination of  
the door to chambers for emergency access purposes. [ ]

25X1A With respect to security briefings for court members, I  
propose to prepare a note for them advising of risks to  
Americans of traveling in certain areas of the world and re-  
minding them of the need for and desirability of obtaining  
advance defensive security briefings and summarizing for them  
recent security problems (e.g., the unauthorized entry by [ ]  
[ ] members to government offices and safes to obtain  
official documents). For staff members, I propose to conduct  
a brief refresher on the reasons for and content of the court's  
security procedures and regulations. [ ]

I will provide you a written report of all security measures  
undertaken in connection with this audit. [ ]

25X1 Please advise me of any changes or additions you wish to  
see in connection with this first annual security audit for the  
court [ ]

Sincerely yours,

Court Security Officer

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